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**THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION**

1. Since 1 October 1951, the former locomotive columns [redacted], now stationed 25X1 at Cottbus and Hoyerswerda, have been attached, for all administrative purposes, to the local railroad office at Frankfurt/Oder.
2. Recently some 160 employees in the locomotive columns asked for transfers; they took this step because of a clause in the collective labor agreement (Kollektivvertrag) stating that personnel would be changed every twelve months [redacted] However, as replacements were at the moment impossible, the requests have temporarily been shelved.

3. During a discussion between officials at the Directorate General, Railroads, Berlin, on 17 October 1951, it was stated that of the 20,000 freight cars to be returned by the USSR to the DDR (in line with an agreement reached between the two countries in May 1951) [redacted] only some 800 remained to be delivered, and that an additional number over and above the original 20,000 would also be returned by the USSR. The exact figure was not given. 25X1

4. On 16 October, the Directorate General, Railroads, was requested by the SCC Transport Department to take immediate steps to work out a plan for improving conditions in the operational locomotive park and to forward the plan to the SCC. The SCC Transport Department also requested that the Directorate General, Railroads, search for progressive specialists to carry out the plan.

5. [ ] the Directorate General, Railroads, Berlin, informed the Soviet Control Commission (SCC), Karlshorst, that construction work on the loop line (Verbindungskurve) at Eberswalde (connecting the northern and southern lines) would be started immediately. For this purpose, dredging and other machinery had been transferred on 17 October from canal projects near Berlin to the Eberswalde site.

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Reichsbahn coal situation.

8. Coal requirements for the month of October for the DDR Railroads were reduced 10,000 tons BE (Briketteinheit)\*. Deliveries of coal to the offices for coal distribution (Kontore fuer Kohleverteilung) in the DDR were also reduced. The Oberlausitz Trade Office (Oberlausitzer Handelskontor) and the Central German Trade Office (Mitteldeutsches Handelskontor) each received a cut of 30,000 tons BE. In order to offset these cuts, however, they were to receive delivery of 40,000 tons of Ruhr coal.

\* Comment: Possibly a briquette measure.

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